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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT: ANC LEADER MUZOREWA ATTACK ON US
POLICY AND SECRETARY'S VISIT

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1. SUMMARY. EMBOFF CALLED AT BISHOP MUZOREWA'S RESIDENCE APR 20 TO PRESENT LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR ASKING HIM TO DESIGNATE MEMBER OF HIS ANC FACTION TO MEET WITH SECY. RETURNING SAME AFTERNOON EMBOFF WAS GIVEN TEXT OF MUZOREWA PRESS STATEMENT (LUSAKA 1004) ISSUED AT 1430, BITTERLY ATTACKING US POLICY IN AFRICA AND SECY'S TRIP, AND SAYING ANC HAS "ABSOLUTELY NO BUSINESS" TO DISCUSS WITH DR. KISSINGER". EMBOFF REMONSTRATED IN STRONGEST TERMS WITH MUZOREWA'S AIDE, DR. MURAPA, WHO IS US EDUCATED AND TENURED PROFESSOR AT CORNELL. EMBOFF WAS ASKED TO CALL APR 21 TO MEET MUZOREWA AND ARRANGE APPOINTMENT FOR HIM WITH AMBASSADOR. END SUMMARY.

2. IN PRESENTING STATEMENT, MURAPA SAID IT "SELF EXPLANATORY" PREPARED DURING MEETING OF MUZOREWA'S ANC FACTION THIS MORNING. EMBOFF SAID STATEMENT WAS MOST UNFORTUNATE AND ILL-TIMED AND IN SOME INSTANCES FALSE AND MALICIOUS. SECY HAD ON MANY OCCASIONS STATED US SUPPORT FOR MAJORITY RULE; USG HAD AND WOULD CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT, THOUGH THIS STATEMENT WOULD HARDLY HELP; SUGGESTION THAT US SEEKING TO SET UP "PUPPET REGIMES" WAS TOTALLY GROUNDLESS; USG WAS IN NO WAY "ALLOWING" MERCENARIES TO GO TO ZIMBABWE.
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IN SUM, STATEMENT APPEARED AIMED ENTIRELY AT ALIENATING US

AND AT WORST POSSIBLE TIME. SECY WAS COMING TO AFRICA NOT ONLY TO PRESENT US POLICIES BUT TO LEARN AFRICAN VIEWS FIRST HAND. MUZOREWA STATEMENT HARMFUL EVEN MORE TO ANC THAN TO US. AT TIME WHEN US AFRICA POLICY EVOLVING, IT ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN COMMUNICATIONS, TO INITIATE REAL DIALOGUE RATHER THAN EXCHANGE POLEMIC PUBLIC STATEMENTS. SURELY MURAPA, WITH HIS US EXPERIENCE, AWARE OF THIS. FURTHER, STATEMENT WAS TOTAL REVERSAL BY MUZOREWA OF POSITION TAKEN WITH AMBASSADOR AND SENATOR PERCY LAST WEEK. WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN INTERIM SO DRASTICALLY TO CHANGE MUZOREWA'S VIEWS?

3. MURAPA, TAKEN SOMEWHAT ABACK, WENT TO NEARBY ROOM WHERE MUZOREWA IN CONFERENCE. EMBOFF WAS ASKED RETURN TOMORROW TO SPEAK WITH BISHOP AND ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR.

4. COMMENT: MUZOREWA HAS CLEARLY BEEN INDUCED BY HIS OWN HARDLINERS OR OTHERS (POSSIBLY LIBYA) TO MAKE STRONG STATEMENT, CONCEIVABLY COERCED BY THREAT OF WITHHOLDING ARMS OR OTHER SUPPORT. EVEN SO, VEHEMENCE OF STATEMENT COMES AS SURPRISE AND SHOCK, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR AND SENATOR PERCY. WE HOPE HAVE OPPORTUNITY SEEK EXPLANATION TOMORROW, BUT THERE APPEARS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD HE CAN BE PERSUADED PUBLICLY TO REVERSE POSITION.
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